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**For: Apparatus, Method and
 Computer Program Product for
 Converting Simple Locks in a
 Multiprocessor**

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 § Group Art Unit: 2189
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 § Examiner: Knoll, Clifford H.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.